



Newsletter



Spring term

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Dear Parents / Carers

As you are aware, we had our long awaited visit from Ofsted this week. Thank you for all your kind messages of support and gifts of chocolates to help us on our way, they are all very much appreciated. We were pleased to see that we had a great response to completing the survey and many of you took the time to speak with the inspectors over those two days, we know that your views were all considered carefully. As soon as we are able to, we will share the report with you. In the meantime, we would like to say that we are extremely proud of all of the children and staff who represented our school admirably during lessons and when speaking to the inspectors. Thank you once again.

Despite the really cold weather this week, the children wrapped up warmly and have had some fabulous outdoor learning opportunities. Year 3 and 4 were experimenting with different measuring techniques in the playground, using rulers, meter sticks and trundle wheels. Year 1 were sorting shapes in the natural environment and Year 2 created castles and moats linked to their topic at Forest School as well as whittling sticks to create weapons.

The children from the Reception classes, Willow and Oak, proudly shared their learning about Chinese New Year in assembly today. It was an absolute pleasure to see how confident they were in presenting to the whole school, well done!!!

Although we support the planned industrial action for school teachers planned for Wednesday 1st February, we have established that, although several members of staff will be actively supporting this, we will be able to remain open for all pupils. If this changes we will, of course, let you know as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

30th January—Vision Screening (Reception only)
13th February—Half Term
20th February—Return to School

Important Information

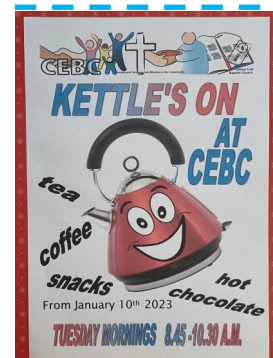
Attendance

A big well done to Wagtail class this week with 100% attendance and Ospreys last week with 99.2%. The whole school attendance is 94.3% but we are aiming for 98%!



Coffee Morning

Please see information
From Cotton End Baptist
Church



School Lunches

The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Easter holidays. Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues this may result in you receiving a phone call and asking you to bring in a lunch for your child.

Thank you for your support.



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Headlice

There have recently been several cases of head lice in school. Can you please check your child's hair regularly as well as the rest of the family and treat them as per the advice following the following link:-



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

There is no need to keep your child away from school but please do follow the NHS advice. Please also ensure that all children with shoulder length hair or longer come to school with it tied up neatly, thank you.



Music Lessons in School



If you are interested in the opportunity for your child to learn to play a musical instrument, we do offer this via:

<https://www.bedsmusic.coop/schools>.



Lessons can be booked either during school time or privately. Please follow the above link for further information.

Milk in School

All children under the age of 5yrs are entitled to a daily cup of milk, free of charge. If your child is over 5yrs but would still like to receive a cup of milk during morning break, you can order and pay for it via www.Coolmilk.com.



After School Clubs

Please be reminded that all after school clubs run by Premier on a Tuesday and Wednesday and Dance Club on a Thursday will finish week commencing 6th. Therefore the last sessions will be 7th, 8th and 9th February. We will update you on our plans for next term via ParentMail in due course.



Leavers Hoodies—Year 6

For those of you that would like to purchase a leavers hoodie you can now do so. Please use the link below This will be active from now until the end of term Friday 10th February. We're hoping to have orders delivered in May.



shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/

Year 5 Alert

Year 5 have earned their 100 Square Point Reward and have chosen to come to school in their Pyjamas today and watch Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone



Well done Year 5



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